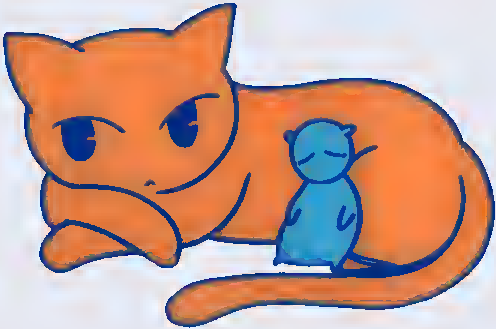

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A MESSAGE FROM THE AUTHOR

"You have models for the Idol Group Z, right?" is a question I am often asked. Even though there are plenty of Idol Groups with members who are young men no older than 20, there isn't a specific group I used as a model...
"Z" is just a sort of mix of all of them. Since there isn't a specific model, perhaps you want to read about the Idol group I like the most..!?

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One of the 5 Handsome men in the incredibly popular idol group "Z", Yoshimura Riku, is actually a girl. She's tied with the leader, Touya, for popularity. She pretends to be the type of guy that makes all the girls smile and is extremely cool-looking. However, when she receives a Christmas present from Touya, she decides she wants to show him her feminine side..!?

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WHAT
KYAA
RIKUUU
KYAAA
TOUYAAAA

KYAA
KYAA
Encore!
Encore!
Encore!
CLICK
AH...
I'M EXHAUST-ED...
GOOD JOB!
YOU GUYS WERE GREAT!
GIMME WATER--- SAYAKA-SAN.
SHOVE
SHOVE
YES, YES, HELP YOUR-SELVES!!

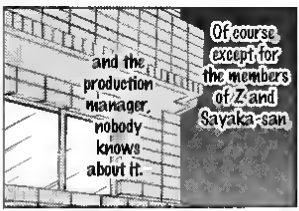
We're the idol group "Z".
We're a group of 5 singing and dancing guys.
Right now, we're at the peak of popularity
EHH~ IS THAT SO? I..
YOUR DANCING WAS WONDERFUL.
RIKU!
IT SUCKED!!

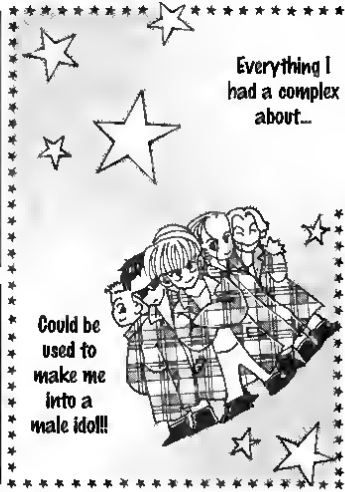
Translators note: She uses the masculine "ore" for me, which is why it's in quotes

I'm really
a girl...
one year ago..
This was me..
Rustle
While I was wandering idly around town..
.. the Manager, Sayaka-san, called out to me.
EH!?
YOU WANT ME TO BECOME A BOY!?

I'M LOOKING FOR A BOY TO BE A MEMBER THAT HAS A KIND OF SWEET FEELING,
AND IT KIND OF FEELS LIKE...
THAT'S RIGHT, BECAUSE Z IS A BOYS' GROUP.
I couldn't believe it...
Tall, boyish face, and a deep voice.
Eeeh
YOU HAVE THE PERFECT IMAGE.

But now, I really am
a member of the top idol group Z.


and the production manager, nobody knows about it.
Of course except for the members of Z and Sayaka-san


Everything I had a complex about...
Could be used to make me into a male idol!!

NOW LISTEN UP, YOU...
YOU ALWAYS SCREW UP IN THE SAME PLACE
I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO DO IT PROPERLY NOW,
YEAH
Got it?
SO PAY ATTENTION!
Clink...
Touya's dancing ...
Gulp
SWISH

Awesome...!
Really ——
It's like he's cutting through the air.
Nobody else can lift their foot that high...
And he's so flexible, too.

PANT
there's a good reason for him being the leader of Z..
I guess
HE'S REALLY ENTRANCING..
MY HEART IS BEATING JUST FROM WATCHING IT..
B-DUMP...
MORON! NOT DANCING.
Y... You want me to dance now?
Eh!?
NOW IT'S YOUR TURN!
IT'S NO WONDER YOU'RE AT A DISADVANTAGE
URGGHH
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY THIGH MUSCLES.
FIRST,
YOU'RE GOING TO DO PUSH-UPS!!
WAAAH
T... TOO MUCH...
USE YOUR MUSCLE!! YOU NEED TO BE ABLE TO BEAT ME AT ARM WRESTLING!!
IT'S NO WONDER YOU'RE AT A DISADVANTAGE..
Gather Gather
WORKING REALLY HARD.
OOOH.

HER DANCING CAN'T LOOK FAKED!!
GGG
BECAUSE OUR IMPORTANT CHRISTMAS LIVE CONCERT IS IN 5 DAYS
IT'S FOR HER OWN GOOD!
poor girl
NNNNNG
YOU'RE BEING REALLY STRICT ON RIKU, TOUYA
YOU CAN QUIT THE WORLD OF SHOW BUSINESS AND GO BACK TO BEING A NORMAL GIRL
SOME DAY Z WILL BREAK UP...
GOOD LUCK RIKU, IT'S JUST FOR A SHORT WHILE
C'mere talk-i
RIGHT ?
I understand
Z-Xmas Live'95
I alone am...
just an amateur.

Everyone else is professional...
YAAAAY
Touya, of course...
Kazuki too...
Ryou and
Shiina and
They have talent and charm.
They're true Idols.
I know — I'm just an ordinary girl,
But now I'll be a male member of Z with all my might.

I can't give up.
キャーーー

キャーーー
キャーーー
キャーーー

HEY,
murmur murmur
RIKU!
Clamor ...
Z-Xmas Live'95
Kyaa Kyaa
WELL, ANYWAY, TODAY'S DANCING
WASN'T THAT BAD
WHY ARE YOU SO WORN OUT?
I... GAVE IT MY ALL...
HUH?
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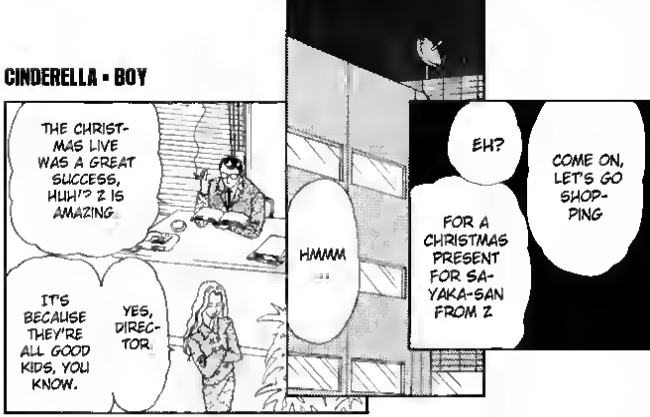
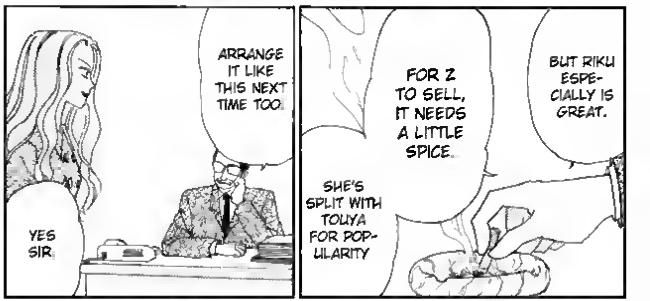
H... HEY,
RIKU!
ALL RIGHT! TOUYA COMPLIMENTED ME!
KYAA KYAA
KYAA KYAA
REAL-LY!?


COME ON, LET'S GO SHOPPING
EH?
FOR A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR SAYAKA-SAN FROM Z
HMMM...
THE CHRISTMAS LIVE WAS A GREAT SUCCESS, HUH!? Z IS AMAZING.
YES, DIRECTOR.
IT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE ALL GOOD KIDS, YOU KNOW.


BUT RIKU ESPECIALLY IS GREAT.
FOR Z TO SELL, IT NEEDS A LITTLE SPICE.
SHE'S SPLIT WITH TOUYA FOR POPULARITY
ARRANGE IT LIKE THIS NEXT TIME TOO.
YES SIR.

IT'S BECAUSE THIS IS THE MEMBER'S GROWTH PERIOD
AS LONG AS IT'S NOT LEAKED THAT RIKU IS A GIRL,
OF COURSE IT'LL CONTINUE TO SELL WELL!

COME ON, HURRY UP!
STOMP STOMP
W... WAIT UP, TOLIYA...
UM... SORRY I...
Pant
YEAH?
BECAUSE I WAS SO ENERGETIC EARLIER...
I KIND OF HAVE A STOMACH-ACHE...
STOM-ACH?
IT'S FINE, COME ON! I CAN'T DO IT BY MYSELF.
BUT THERE ARE FANS OUTSIDE...
IT'LL BE FINE!!

Random Chat ①

Thanks for reading my 5th volume of comics! Thank you very much for your letters, too! There were many of them saying "I love Riku, he's so cool!" I guess girls do likes cool guys after all, right? Ahh, ♡ I'm so glad that I put Riku in. (laugh.) I also received many letters answering my previous quiz question which asked, "How old is Touya?" People guessed anywhere from 15-23. The answer is 19 years old! (though even my assistant said "30 years old".) I really had to cry about my own sad drawing skills... and it's really hard to draw the dance scenes~ I also had problems keeping a stable style for Riku's face. It just would not go according to my original plans, and the deadline was near. everything made me half insane. (laugh.) In the end, I was so-o tired that I looked like this ↱ I was behaving so strangely during the time too. like I wore one whole and forgot the other when going out there was something like that in chapter 1 huh. Oh well. I hope my readers won't mind much. (laugh.) And so the next section will be about Riku and the other's personal profiles~!!

Chiller Chiller
HEY,
IT IS.
Chiller Chiller
ISN'T IT KIND OF SURPRISING THAT NOBODY NOTICES?
OH
EVERYBODY THINKS Z ISN'T HERE ANY MORE
IT'S BECAUSE THE MEMBER'S CAR ALREADY LEFT EARLIER
Because of their preconceptions
Woooh
I SEE ♡ I DIDN'T KNOW THAT
IF PEOPLE THINK YOU'RE ALREADY GONE, THEY WON'T NOTICE YOU EVEN IF YOU'RE RIGHT NEXT TO THEM
You sure are smaaaaart, Touya!!

IDIOT!
THUNDER
THUNDER
THUNDER
KYAA
TOUJYARA
KYAA
Sigh
WE FINALLY LOST THEM.
PHEW..
RIKU !?
HEY, WHAT'S WRONG !?
THUD
IT'S NEVER HURT LIKE THIS BEFORE, AHH...
AH... THIS IS BAD, WHAT SHOULD I DO..?
MY STOMACH...

EH... PAIN KILLERS, IN HERE...?
THERE'S SOME PAIN KILLERS IN MY BAG, SO GET THEM OUT...
GET... MY... MEDI-CINE...
TOUYA
IS IT YOUR STOM-ACH!?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!?
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<FOR MENSTRUAL PAIN>
SEDAS
TAKE 2 CAPSULES
RIKU...
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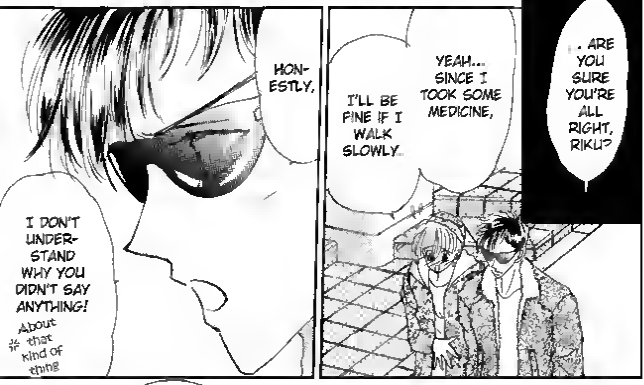

. ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT, RIKU?
YEAH... SINCE I TOOK SOME MEDICINE,
I'LL BE FINE IF I WALK SLOWLY.
HON-ESTLY,
I DON'T UNDER-STAND WHY YOU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING!
About it that kind of thing

ANYWAY, AFTER YOU GET HOME,
GET WARM AND GO TO SLEEP.
NAG
NAG
NAG
IF YOU HADN'T HAD MEDICINE, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN TERRI-BLE...
PHARMACIES AREN'T OPEN AT NIGHT... WE WOULD HAVE HAD TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL

OR MAYBE...
PFFT
TOUYA
WAS WORRIED ABOUT ME.
WHAT ARE YOU LAUGH-ING AT?
BE-CAUSE... IT'S NOT LIKE YOU AT ALL
YOU'RE USUALLY SO~~~ RUDE.
Hehe, Hehe

THAT'S JUST BECAUSE I FORGOT
THAT YOU WERE A GIRL.
E-DUMP
HUH?
ISN'T THAT... RIKU FROM Z!?
... HUH!?
GASP
IT IS HIM!
OH NO!! I MUST HAVE LOST MY SUN-GLASSES...
THIS IS BAD ...!
AT A TIME LIKE THIS!
NO WAY!
FROM Z!?
GRAB

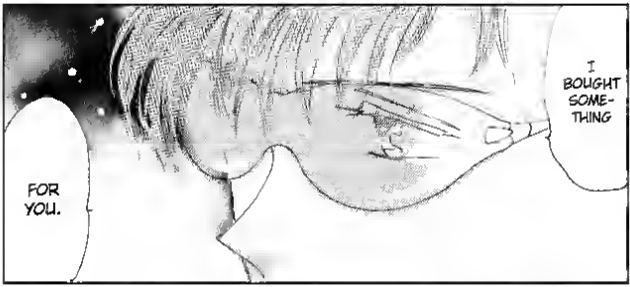
How embarrassing. I even see him when he's not here.
... OH MAAAAN, IT'S JUST A COUPLE.
Oh well.

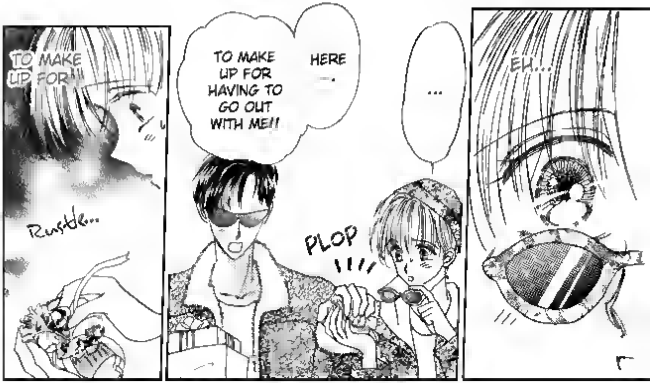
GET BACK HERE!
GRAB
IT'S FINE NOW...
Kya!
Y... YEAH
... DID THEY LEAVE?
WE'LL BE FINE IF WE ACT LIKE A COUPLE, SO...
B-DUMP
B-DUMP
B-DUMP
...
FOR A WHILE,
BECOME A GIRL AGAIN.

His large hands...
I was surprised that he kissed me ...
My heart is still racing.
B-DUMP
B-DUMP
B-DUMP
Somehow,
This really makes me feel...
like I've become a girl.
Touya...

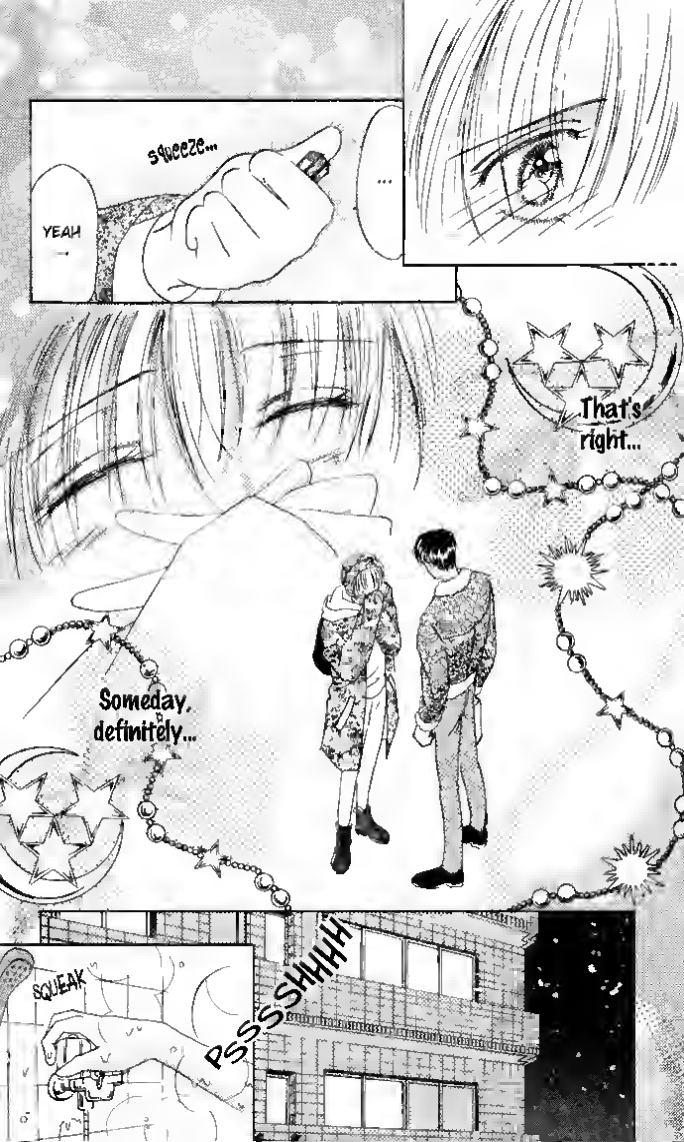
I'M GLAD WE FOUND A GOOD STORE TO SHOP AT
YEAH
IT WAS ALL SO PRETTY
I SAW A LOT OF THINGS I WANTED...

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.


I BOUGHT SOME-THING
FOR YOU.


TO MAKE UP FOR!!!
Rustle...
TO MAKE UP FOR HAVING TO GO OUT WITH ME!!
HERE.
...
PLOP
EH...

Lipstick...
BUT...
YOU CAN'T USE THIS NOW...
WHEN YOU GO BACK TO BEING A GIRL SOMEDAY, YOU CAN USE IT...

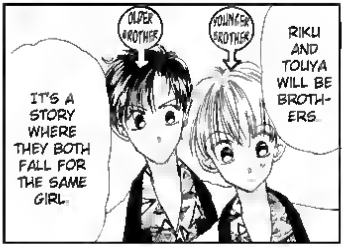

squeeze...
...
YEAH
That's right...
Someday, definitely...
SQUEAK
PSSSSHHHH!

Thank you...
Touya...
was the thing
I wanted the most.
A present from Touya

This was the one night of the year I felt like a girl.
It was nice, because I spent Christmas with Touya...

Super Idol Z's,
Yoshimura Riku!!
But from tomorrow...
I'll have to return to being a man.

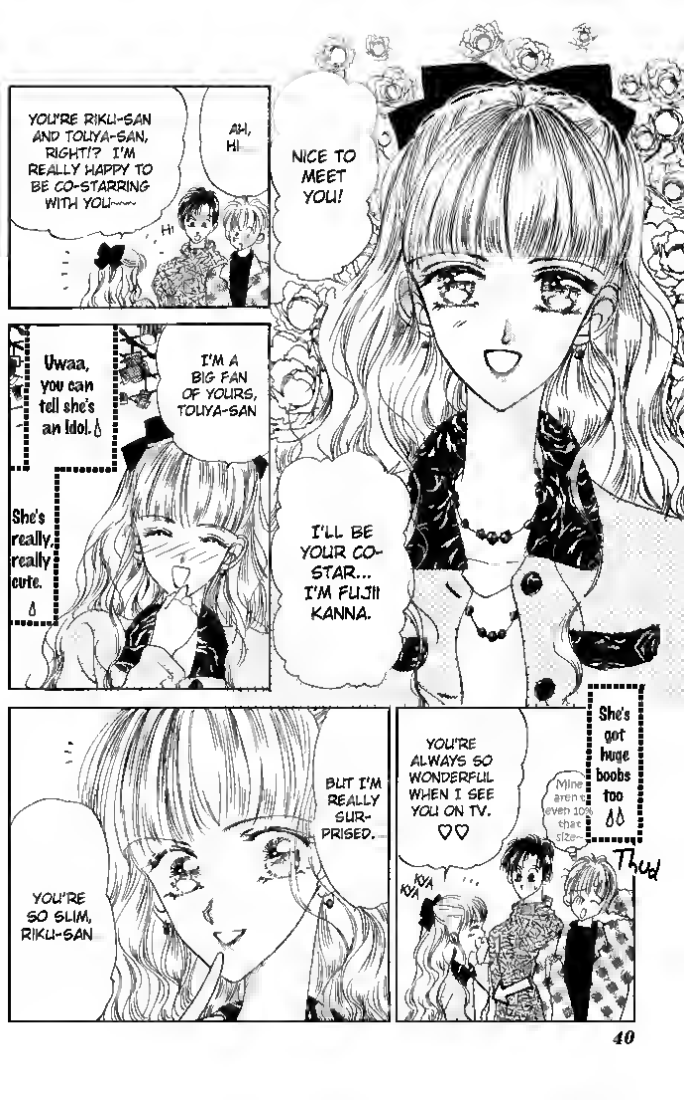
No way!?
Touya and Riku are going to be in a Love Drama on TV!?


OLDER BROTHER
YOUNGER BROTHER
RIKU AND TOUYA WILL BE BROTHERS
IT'S A STORY WHERE THEY BOTH FALL FOR THE SAME GIRL

I.. IS IT A HOMO STORY!?
Perhaps
HA HA HA HA HA
NOTHING LIKE THAT

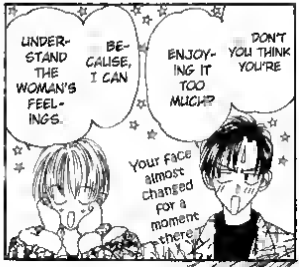
ISN'T IT GREAT, RIKU? IT'LL BE A GOOD CHANCE TO IMPROVE YOUR IMAGE AS A "MAN"!
BUT ...
Sounds interesting, huh?
It's definitely a puzzle.
Hmm
KIND OF HAS A MYSTERIOUS FEELING TO IT, DOESN'T IT~~~?

NOTICE THAT RIKU IS REALLY A GIRL
BUT YOU ABSOLUTELY CAN'T LET YOUR CO-STARS
PUKPUK
PUKPUK


YOU'RE RIKU-SAN AND TOUYA-SAN, RIGHT!? I'M REALLY HAPPY TO BE CO-STARRING WITH YOU~~~
AH, HI
Hi
NICE TO MEET YOU!
Uwaa, you can tell she's an Idol.
She's really, really cute.
I'M A BIG FAN OF YOURS, TOUYA-SAN
I'LL BE YOUR CO-STAR... I'M FUJII KANNA.
She's got huge boobs too
Mine aren't even 10% that size~
YOU'RE ALWAYS SO WONDERFUL WHEN I SEE YOU ON TV.
KYA KYA
Thud
BUT I'M REALLY SUR-PRISED.
YOU'RE SO SLIM, RIKU-SAN

Seems like she's really sharp...
I'll have to be careful...
AH... TH... THAT'S BECAUSE TOUYA'S RIGHT HERE...
Because he's really well done
What?
GULP
IT'S ALMOST AS IF
YOU'RE A GIRL OR SOMETHING.
AND START!!
OKAY! THEN, FOR SCENE NUMBER 8—
WE'RE DOING THE TEST
LET GO OF ME!
DON'T RUN AWAY!
I DIDN'T COME HERE TO MEET YOU!
WAIT!

KYAA!
grab
I ALREADY KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO SAY, AND I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU.
PLEASE HEAR ME OUT.
STOP BEING SO SELFISH ALL THE TIME...
...YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND
IT'S BECAUSE I'M THINKING OF YOU.
THAT I SEEM SO SELFISH
OKAY, GOOD!
Perfect!


UNDER-STAND THE WOMAN'S FEEL-INGS.
BE-CAUSE, I CAN
ENJOY-ING IT TOO MUCH?
DON'T YOU THINK YOU'RE
Your face almost changed for a moment there.

SO I ACT LIKE THAT.
I KNOW THAT
A WOMAN WANTS TO BE TALKED TO BY A MAN IN A WAY THAT WILL MAKE HER HEART BEAT FASTER.

I HAD ALL SORTS OF DREAMS.
BUT I THOUGHT, I WANT A BOY TO TALK TO ME LIKE THAT
IT NEVER HAPPEN-ED WHEN I WAS A GIRL.
Riki

NOW THAT I'M A MALE IDOL, IT'S KIND OF FUN.
I HAVE A LOT OF FEMALE FANS THAT THINK THAT OF ME.
EVERYONE WANTS ME TO LOOK AT THEM AND SMILE, OR SHAKE THEIR HAND..
I want to be everybody's dreamed-of idol..
SO I CAN MAKE EVERYONE HAPPY.
YOU REALLY ARE...
JUST A...
NORMAL GIRL ON THE INSIDE...
HEH, HEH, TH THAT'S TRUE...
BUT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY BREASTS AT ALL
giggle giggle
What was that HA HA HA HA
How mean!!

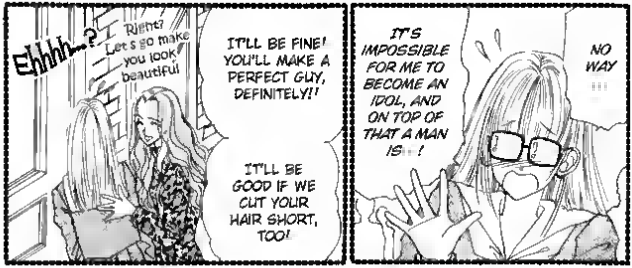
BUT YOU KNOW ...
NEXT WEEK WILL BE TERRIBLE FOR YOU
NEXT WEEK ?
BECAUSE YOU HAVE TO DO THE FLOWER OFFERING SCENE WITH ME.
Giving them to a girl ♡
GOOD LUCK... I WON'T LOSE TO AN OKAMA*'S FLOWERS.
Heh, Heh
NOTE: Okama = word for crossdresser kinda derogatory
HERE, TOUYA-SAN, SOME JUICE.
TAP
Why are you calling me Okama?
Oh, you dare to hit your leader, you bastard?
Take this!
WELL, I HAVE TO DO AN UNWANTED LOVE SCENE AND THINGS, TOO
I won't lose to you, Okama kun
Pat Pat

WHEN I SAW THE TWO OF YOU EARLIER,
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE A GUY,
HUH...?
IT LOOKED TO ME LIKE...
HUH... WHERE'S MINE...?
I'M NOT GIVING YOU ANY SERVICE, RIKU-SAN!
AH... THANKS
A GIRL WHO WAS IN LOVE WITH TOUYA-SAN!
RIKU-SAN WAS ACTING MORE LIKE...
HOW UN-PLEASANT.
Rustle
SHE SAW US IN THAT WAY!

This is not good.
If I can't be a handsome guy,
I'm worthless.

I guess I have been acting more like a girl.
Because of this lipstick that Touya gave me for Christmas.

It was like that, too..
When Sayaka-san scouted me...


Ehhhh...?!
Right? Let's go make you look beautiful!
IT'LL BE FINE! YOU'LL MAKE A PERFECT GUY, DEFINITELY!!
IT'LL BE GOOD IF WE CUT YOUR HAIR SHORT, TOO!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO BECOME AN IDOL, AND ON TOP OF THAT A MAN IS...!
NO WAY...

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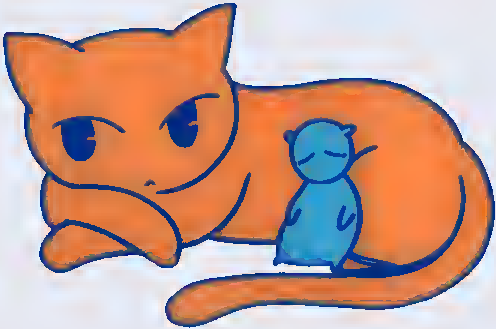

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ARIAGE
MURMUR
LOOK AT THAT GUY...
HEY...
... Everyone is watching..
IS HE A PERFORMER !?
Must be Independent
AWWESOME
MURMUR MURMUR
SO COOL...
MURMUR

All the girls who pass by...
are turning to look at me and blushing.
HEH, HEH...
GUESS I WAS CORRECT.

WILL SELL!
YOU..

But especially Touya too..
Ah...
I want to make the manager and other band members happy by helping Z sell.
I want to become cooler looking and make my fans happier.
I changed from a girl that nobody noticed...
to a brilliant example of manhood

Should I act as a girl or a guy when I'm around Touya..?
"You really are just a normal girl inside, huh..?"
STOMP STOMP
TOUYA-KUN, YOU GO ON FIRST!
AH, WE'RE JUST ABOUT TO START!
trup trup trup trup
SURE
YEAH
GOOD LUCK!
SORRY WE'RE LATE!
For a TV music program, too

RIKU'S PROFILE

Name: Ashimura Rika
Age: 17
HomeTown: Kanamari River Prefecture

Height: 173cm
Weight: 54kg
Blood Type: AB
Star Sign: Taurus
Hobby: Cooking ♡

☆A lucky girl (boy) who was scouted while walking downtown. She had just graduated from middle school and was about to begin high school but withdrew in order to join the entertainment world. She does not go to high school at all (otherwise, people will find out that she is a girl). But at the end of Cinderella Boy there's a concert at Tokyo Dome, right? After that, I think it was decided that she would go to a high school specifically for celebrities... since it was okay by that time if people found out she was a girl. But, she probably doesn't have time for club activities, although she's been trained by Touya, so she's probably had enough of exercising (laugh)... anyways, that was Riku's profile!!

SO SAD... I WAS ALWAYS
WHEN YOU WEREN'T AROUND...
TOUYA...
—I KNOW...
THAT GUY LIKES YOU AS WELL.

THE TWO OF US EVEN THOUGH WE'RE WITHOUT PARENTS
ARE STILL BROTHERS
WE'VE HAD TO SHARE TO LIVE...
BUT... UNFORTUNATELY
YOU MET THAT GUY FIRST...
BUT I DON'T WANT TO LET YOU GO...
NOT TO MY YOUNGER BROTHER OR TO ANYONE ...!!
I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU'RE SUFFERING,
BUT..
I CAN'T STOP...
BECAUSE I TRULY LOVE YOU...!

OKAY! THAT WAS GREAT!!
FLOP
Chatter Chatter
LET'S GO TO THE NEXT SCENE!
OKAY, THEN NEXT!!
FLINCH...
IT HURTS ...!
THUMP
THUMP
IT...

WHY... DOES MY HEART HURT?
THE BLOOD IS RUSHING TO MY HEAD... MY HANDS ARE GETTING COLD...
STEP STEP
Why..?
RIKUUUU, YOU'RE UP!
NEXT IS YOUR FIGHT SCENE WITH TOUYA-KUN!
IT'S A MANO A MANO BATTLE, SO
PUT YOUR EVERY-THING INTO IT PLEASE!
HEY, RIKU...
EH...

THAT'S GREAT, RIKU-KUN, EXACTLY LIKE THAT! IT'S GOT POWER!
THEN, ON TO SCENE NUMBER 15!
START!
YOU...
ARE WRONG.
THIS ISN'T JUST ACTING.
I REALLY AM ANGRY...!

WHY AM I...
JUST BECAUSE I SAW TOUYA'S ACTING.
THE BLOOD IS RUSHING TO MY HEAD.
I CAN'T CONTROL MYSELF ...!!
TOUYA ...!!

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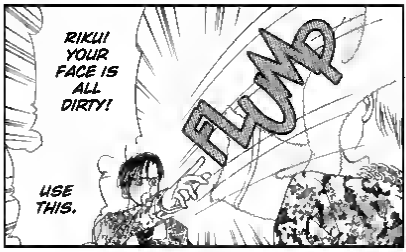
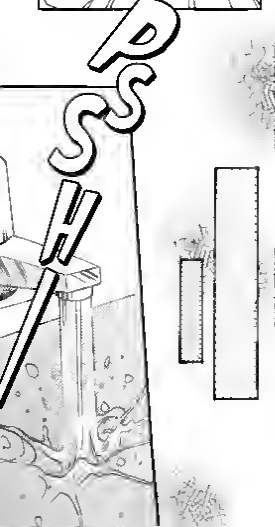
Mutter
Mutter
WELL...
FINE OVER HERE.
AHH, I SEE. JUST THIS, HUH?
OW OW, OW, OW
THAT'S LUCKY... THIS IS ONLY A SMALL SCRATCH
OOOW...
I'M GLAD IT WASN'T ANY-THING LARGE
YOU'LL BE COMPLETELY HEALED IN 3 DAYS, PLUS IT'LL MAKE GREAT MATE-RIAL FOR THE TABLOIDS
Ha Ha Ha Ha Ha
YOU'RE TERRI-BLE, DOCTOR
THINK HOW OTHER PEOPLE FEEL...


RIKU! YOUR FACE IS ALL DIRTY!
USE THIS.
FLUMP

GRAB

AND
EX-CUSE US!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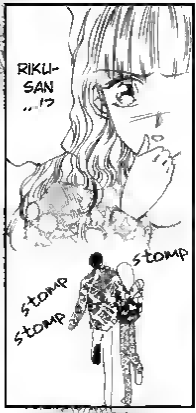

RIKU-SAN ..!?
stomp
stomp
stomp

HEY! YOU COME ALONG TOO!
I'M GOING TO WASH MY HANDS

PSSH

I'm sorry...
...NO NEED TO CRY.
I'm sorry... Touya.....
I SAID I'M FINE...
I'M NOT HURT, SO...
PSSHH...
I.....
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A GUY AREN'T YOU...?
I was jealous... of Touya and that girl...
Even though I knew it was nothing more than acting...
HEY, RIKU...
I'm sorry... Touya...
I.....

...really like you a lot...
Touya —
TAP...
TAP
TAP

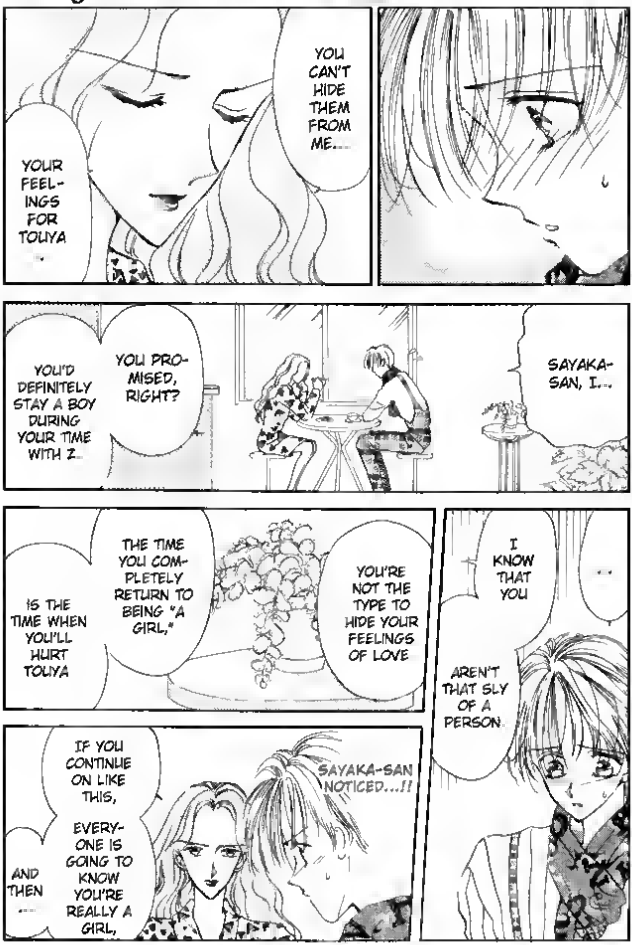
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
click
RIKU AND TOWA'S DRESSING ROOM
CLICK...
RUSTLE...
LIP-STICK ...?
RIKU-SAN'S ...!?

THAT'S RIGHT, THIS...
IT HAS TO BE RIKU-SAN'S ...
RIKU AND TOUYA'S DRESSING ROOM
I KNEW IT...
I THOUGHT THERE WAS SOME-THING STRANGE
RIKU'S ATTITUDE AROUND TOUYA
AND THEN THOSE TEARS EARLIER...
I CAN'T BELIEVE, HE'S A GUY...
RIKU-SAN...

A GIRL ...!?
MUST BE...
CLICK...
YOU...
I ALREADY TOLD YOU I'M FINE.
TOLIYA!
I BROUGHT YOU A GET WELL SOON PRESENT.
SORRY, BUT SINCE WE LIVE IN THE SAME APARTMENT BUILDING, AND IT'S ONLY 5 FLIGHTS OF STAIRS...
And that was 3 days ago!
IT WAS JUST A REALLY SMALL WOUND!!
Noo, that's not it. Just give them back.
WHY NOT, ARE THEY PORNO VIDS OR SOMETHING?
No need to do that...
GRAB
GRAP
Ah!
These videos are scattered all over.
WHY DON'T I CLEAN UP FOR YOU TODAY?

COME ON
YOU...
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
Sigh...
DON'T... COME ANY-MORE
TO MY ROOM...
RIKU...
THUMP!

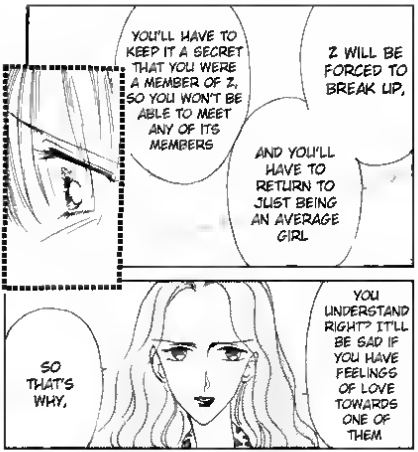
SORRY... TOLYA
DID I MAKE YOU ANGRY ..?
THE CONFI-DENCE I HAVE AROUND YOU, AS A MALE FRIEND
...THAT'S NOT IT...
WILL DISAP-PEAR, SO...
click...
RIKU!!
Ah...
SAYAKA-SAN...!!
HEY... RIKU,
WHEN WILL YOU GO BACK TO BEING A GIRL?


YOUR FEELINGS FOR TOUYA
YOU CAN'T HIDE THEM FROM ME...
YOU'D DEFINITELY STAY A BOY DURING YOUR TIME WITH Z...
YOU PROMISED, RIGHT?
SAYAKA-SAN, I...
IS THE TIME WHEN YOU'LL HURT TOUYA
THE TIME YOU COMPLETELY RETURN TO BEING "A GIRL."
YOU'RE NOT THE TYPE TO HIDE YOUR FEELINGS OF LOVE
I KNOW THAT YOU
AREN'T THAT SLY OF A PERSON.
..
AND THEN ....
IF YOU CONTINUE ON LIKE THIS,
EVERYONE IS GOING TO KNOW YOU'RE REALLY A GIRL.
SAYAKA-SAN NOTICED...!!

TOUYA'S PROFILE

Name. Mikami Touya
Age: 19
Hometown. Tokyo
Height. 182cm
Weight: 65kg
Blood Type. A
Star Sign Leo
Hobby: His work is everything!!

☆He's been on TV from childhood on commercials and drama series, so his life as an actor is quite long. Therefore, he is very professional and puts in a lot of effort into his work. He didn't stand out too much until around middle school, but in high school, he suddenly became good-looking. So Sayaka san scouted him to become a member of Z. Thanks to his never-ending efforts he obtained leadership of Z through his dance and singing skills. He was so busy that he never had time for a girlfriend, although he was quite popular among the girls. Therefore, he was not used to girls, and treated Riku rather rashly at first but I think that he is actually a very kind boy.♡


YOU'LL HAVE TO KEEP IT A SECRET THAT YOU WERE A MEMBER OF Z, SO YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO MEET ANY OF ITS MEMBERS
Z WILL BE FORCED TO BREAK UP,
AND YOU'LL HAVE TO RETURN TO JUST BEING AN AVERAGE GIRL
SO THAT'S WHY,
YOU UNDERSTAND RIGHT? IT'LL BE SAD IF YOU HAVE FEELINGS OF LOVE TOWARDS ONE OF THEM
.. YOU HAVE TO STOP TODAY!!
YOU HAVE TO STOP HAVING A WOMAN'S FEELINGS OF LOVE TOWARDS HIM!

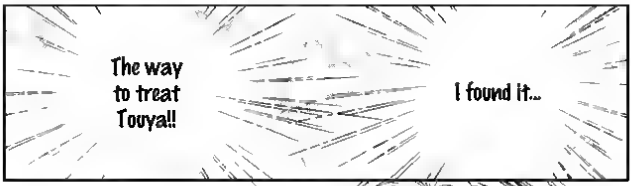
"The confidence I have around you as a male friend will disappear, so..."
Once I become "a girl" again, everything will be over...
I understand.
"... everyone is going to know you're really a girl."
...
I have to like Touya only as a "man"...!
If I want to be a proper man...
I have to stop these feelings of love quickly
That's right, I have to stay a man...

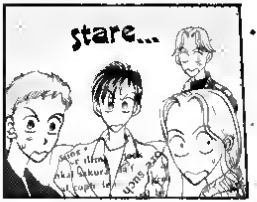
what am I supposed to do...?
But...
1, 2, 3, 4...
YES, THAT'S RIGHT, JUMP!!
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
OKAY! THAT'S GREAT.
NOW YOU'VE GOT THIS NEW SONG DOWN PERFECTLY!
CLAP
How do I treat Touya like I'm a boy...!?
See you tomorrow
Good job.
Well, congrats
AH...
I SEE...!!

EEECHHH
You're talking about "that"!?
Please

Um
THE TRUTH IS, I WANT YOU TO SHOW ME A SECRET...
WHAT'S UP?

EXCUSE ME! PRO-DUCER!!
TAP TAP


The way to treat Touya!!
I found it...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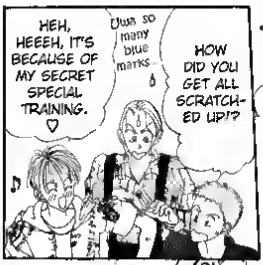
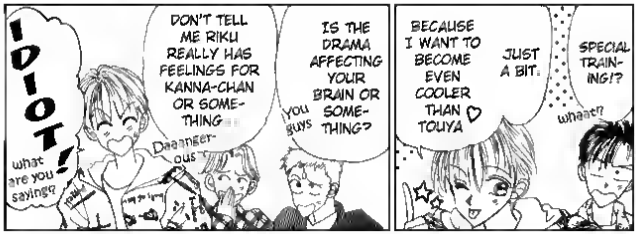

HEH, HEEEH, IT'S BECAUSE OF MY SECRET SPECIAL TRAINING.
Uuuu so many blue marks...
HOW DID YOU GET ALL SCRATCH-ED UP!?

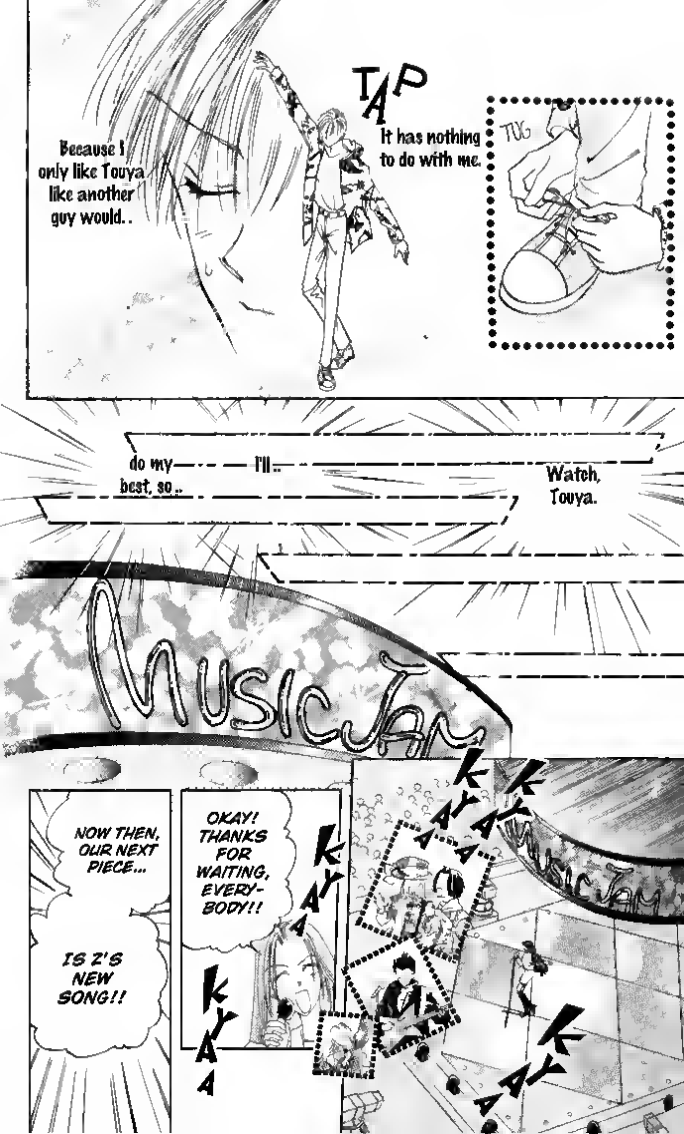
TATTERED
SORRY, AM I LATE FOR THE MEETING!?


IDIOT!
what are you saying?
DON'T TELL ME RIKU REALLY HAS FEELINGS FOR KANNA-CHAN OR SOMETHING
Dangerous
IS THE DRAMA AFFECTING YOUR BRAIN OR SOMETHING?
you guys
BECAUSE I WANT TO BECOME EVEN COOLER THAN TOUYA ♡
JUST A BIT.
SPECIAL TRAINING!?
whaat?

I'M TOLD THERE'S EVEN A BIG KISSING SCENE.
EHH, YOU DON'T KNOW?
SPEAKING OF WHICH, WHO ENDS UP AS A COUPLE IN THAT DRAMA?
TOUYA ENDS UP WITH KANNA-CHAN.

SHUT UP ALREADY, YOU GUYS!!
THE RUMORS OF THE TWO'S FIRST KISS.. ♡
EH!? ISN'T THAT DANGEROUS FOR TWO IDOLS!?
WELL, IT HASN'T BEEN THE FIRST TIME.
THEY'VE ALREADY STARTED TALKING ABOUT IT.
The fans will scream about re...
I heard ♡ yesterday
Gasp

I HAVE TO HANG ON!! LIKE A "MAN"!!
W... WOOW ...
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS...!!
AH...
WELL,
I'M...
YOU'LL DEFINITELY MAKE IT A COOL SCENE!!
IT'S OKAY TOUYA, IT'S JUST ACTING.
HEH HEH
I won't worry.
I have to do my best!
WE'RE ANNOUNCING OUR NEW SONG, RIGHT?
BECAUSE AT THE NEXT "MUSIC JAM,"
YEAH, THE MEETING'S OVER, RIGHT?
AGAIN?
GOING... TO GO PRACTICE MY DANCING A BIT.


Because I only like Touya like another guy would..
TAP
It has nothing to do with me.
TUG
do my best, so..
I'll..
Watch, Touya.
Music Jam
NOW THEN, OUR NEXT PIECE...
IS Z'S NEW SONG!!
OKAY! THANKS FOR WAITING, EVERY-BODY!!
KYAAA
KYAAA
KYAAA
KYAAA
KYAAA
KYAAA
Music Jam

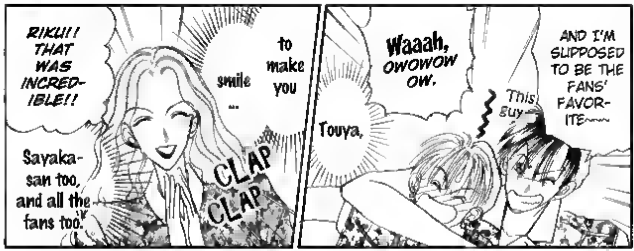
Break Out!!
That's right...
I'll just forget it...

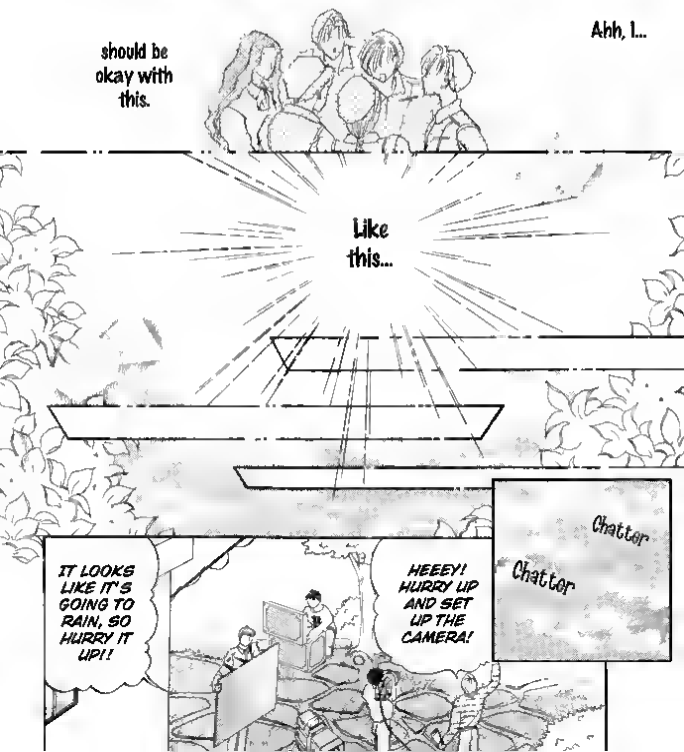
... and just make Touya and all the fans happy.
That —
will make me a cool guy.
cooler than anyone.
Just like a true man...
with more charm than anyone.
It'll be perfect.
STOMP

Just like a man!!

TAP
EEEE...

WHEN DID YOU LEARN TO DO THAT!?
Yeah!
Yeah!
THAT WAS TOTALLY AWESOME, RIKU.
SO THIS IS WHAT YOUR SECRET TRAINING WAS, DAMN IT.
You sure did it!
I DON'T THINK YOU GUYS'LL BE ABLE TO DO IT AS WELL, HUH?
Cool or what?
YOU REALLY SHOWED THE REST OF US UP AT DANCING.
This guy.
キャ…
キャ…
YAAAAY
YOU!!
YOU SURE DID!


RIKU!! THAT WAS INCRED-IBLE!!
Sayaka-san too, and all the fans too.
CLAP CLAP
to make you smile ...
Touya,
Waaah, OWOWOW OW.
This guy—
AND I'M SUPPOSED TO BE THE FANS' FAVOR-ITE——


Ahh, I...
should be okay with this.
Like this...
Chatter
Chatter
IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING TO RAIN, SO HURRY IT UP!!
HEEEY! HURRY UP AND SET UP THE CAMERA!

BUT THIS IS TODAY'S LAST LOCATION, RIGHT?
Chatter
Chatter
SHOOTING OUTSIDE IS SUCH A PAIN...
I'm not worried...
TOUYA-KUN AND KANNA-CHAN'S KISS SCENE IS THE LAST PART.
...HM?
I'll be absolutely fine.
TOUYA! I'LL HOLD YOUR STUFF!
Definitely.
I'll be fine.
YOU CAN USE MY GLOVES IF YOU WANT
HOW SHOULD I SAY IT...? I GUESS I'M NERVOUS.
Kinda weird.
AH. IS THAT SO?
RIKU. YOUR HANDS..
THEY'RE REALLY COLD.

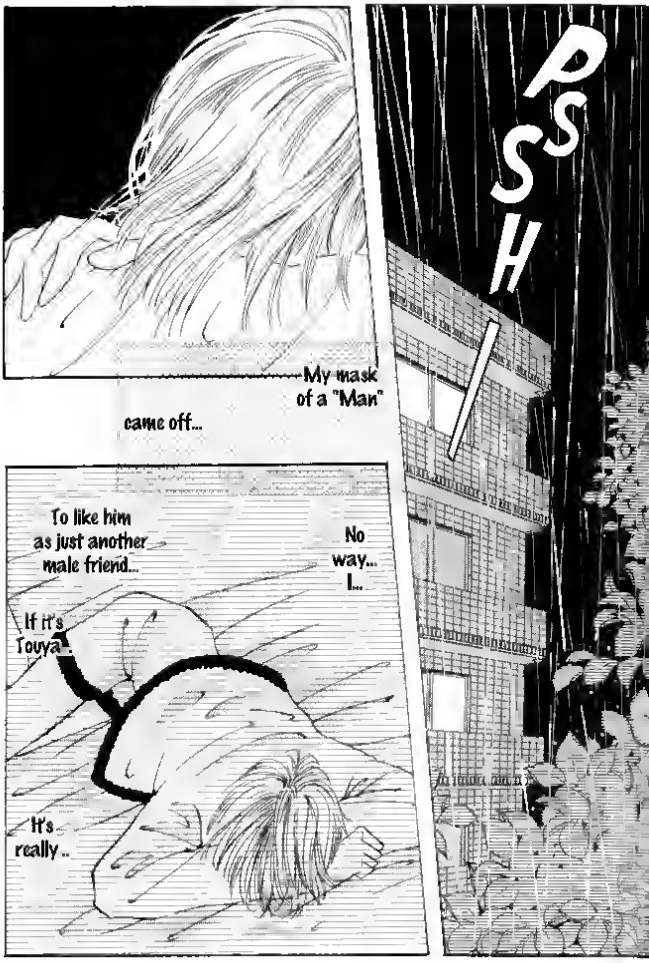
BUT TODAY, I'M REALLY HAPPY
AS USUAL, YOU LOOK GOOD WHEN YOU'RE AROUND HIM ♡
I'M JEALOUS
AH, KANNA-CHAN
HOW NICE, RIKU-SAN
IT'LL BE MY FIRST KISS.
FOR IT TO BE WITH TOUYA-SAN IS KIND OF...
AND IT'S TOUYA'S FIRST ONE AS WELL.
SO TODAY, THERE'LL DEFINITELY BE A GOOD SCENE
HE'S... REALLY SKILLED!?
RIKU-SAN
IF IT'S A KISS, I'LL DEFI-NITELY...
AH...
THAT'S... THAT'S RIGHT.
I GET REALLY FLUS-TERED JUST WHEN HE'S HUGGING ME.
TOUYA-SAN'S REALLY GOOD AT LOVE SCENES.

DO YOU
WANT TO SWITCH PLACES WITH ME?
He He
OKAY EVERY-BODY!
WE'RE GOING TO STAND-BY!!
"Want to switch places with me?"
"Kiku-san."
"With me..."

"... IT'S MY FIRST KISS."
ACTION !!
"WITH ME...!"
"Even when he just hugs me..."
"Touya-san's really good at love scenes."
"I get really flustered."
TOUYA—
"IF IT'S A KISS, I'LL..."
N...
NO...

WHAM
TOUYA ...!!
PLOP
PLOP
PLOP...
DRIP DRIP
PSSH...
I KNEW IT WAS GOING TO RAIN!!
UWA, THIS IS BAD!

PSSH...
HURRY! PACK UP THE EQUIPMENT!!
DAMN IT, THE SCENE WAS ALMOST DONE, TOO!
SOON IT'LL BE TOO DARK TO SEE.
ARE WE GOING TO HAVE TO PUT IT OFF UNTIL THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW AGAIN?
HUH.
WHERE'S RIKU?
EH..
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIM...
I'LL GO FIND HIM.
EXCUSE ME, HAVE YOU SEEN RIKU?
EH...?
I WONDER...? I THINK HE'S OVER THERE...
WHERE EXACTLY IS...
OVER THERE HE SAID.
SPLASH SPLASH
PSSH...
RIKU...


My mask of a "Man"
came off...
PSSH
To like him as just another male friend...
No way... I...
If it's Touya...
It's really..

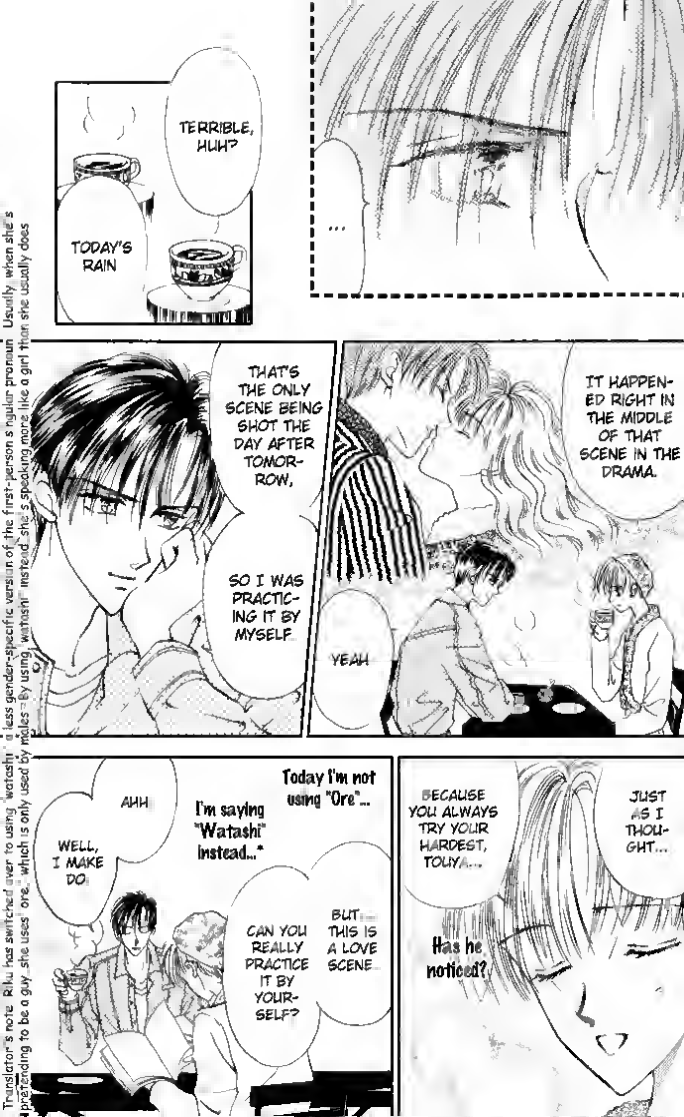
and be held...
I want to leap to Touya's chest...
I want to love him... as a girl.
and kiss —
What should I do...?
Truly... I...
Someday Z will break up.
Like this...
as a man...
I won't be able to see Touya anymore...
Touya .....!!

I...
I want to go back...
clench...
to being a girl —
A girl ...!!
I want to be one in front of Touya...
TAP
TAP
Just one time is fine...

RIKU...
TOUYA...
IT'S ME...
CLICK
...YES?
... I want to end it.
I want to return to the real me
together with Touya...
I...
SLAM...
Just for this night.

—Will
be a girl
in front of
Touya——...

SORRY
FOR COMING OVER THIS LATE. .
BUT I JUST
COULDN'T SLEEP
—Just for tonight,
I'll return to being a girl in front of Touya...!!


TERRIBLE, HUH?
TODAY'S RAIN
...
THAT'S THE ONLY SCENE BEING SHOT THE DAY AFTER TOMORROW.
SO I WAS PRACTICING IT BY MYSELF.
IT HAPPENED RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THAT SCENE IN THE DRAMA.
YEAH
AHH
WELL, I MAKE DO.
I'm saying "Watashi" instead..."
Today I'm not using "Ore"...
CAN YOU REALLY PRACTICE IT BY YOURSELF?
BUT THIS IS A LOVE SCENE...
BECAUSE YOU ALWAYS TRY YOUR HARDEST, TOUYA...
Has he noticed?
JUST AS I THOUGHT...

Translator's note: Riku has switched over to using "watashi," a less gender-specific version of the first-person singular pronoun. Usually, when she's pretending to be a guy, she uses "ore," which is only used by males - by using "watashi" instead, she's speaking more like a girl than she usually does.

IF YOU'D LIKE...
YOU WANT TO PRACTICE IT WITH ME...?
I KNOW I'M NOT AS CUTE AS KANNA-CHAN, SO
I DON'T KNOW IF I'D BE AN ACCEPT-ABLE STAND-IN FOR HER, BUT...
STAND
TURN
BUT,
WITH THIS...
RIKU

Notice
Touya...
I DEFINITELY
LOOK MORE FEMININE, RIGHT~ ::?
Tonight I am a girl...!!
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN, SAYAKA-KUN!?
RIKU DOESN'T WANT TO HIDE THE FACT THAT SHE'S A "GIRL" ANYMORE
YES. BECAUSE
RIKU WANTS TO QUIT Z!?

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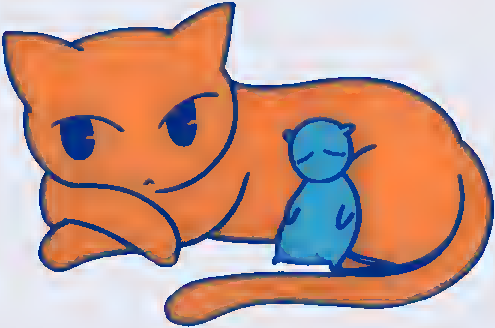

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I DON'T REALLY KNOW, BUT IF THAT'S THE CASE I DON'T THINK IT'LL LAST.
DOES TOUYA FEEL THE SAME WAY?
HE HAS A STRONG SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY AS THE LEADER, SO...
YES.
LOVE, HUH?
AND THE OTHER PERSON IS TOUYA?
SO YOU'RE SAYING IT WON'T LAST BETWEEN THE TWO OF THEM.
.....
I'M SORRY...
DON'T COME TELLING ME STUPID STORIES ABOUT HAVING TO GET RID OF RIKU!
YOU DON'T THINK TOUYA AND RIKU'S FEELINGS WILL LAST.
BUT...
REGARDLESS, RIGHT BEFORE THE TOKYO DOME LIVE CONCERT,
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!?

THEN, LET'S TAKE IT FROM THE TOP.
SURE.
Touya...
From the beginning
you were the one I liked the most.
Since I met you, everyone else was so kind to me, only you were strict
You would always get angry at my dancing.
THEN,
FROM THE TOP...
The strictest and kindest person...
you always made me the happiest...
But even though my dancing was bad,

LET'S NOT SEE EACH OTHER ANY MORE...
IT'S... OVER BETWEEN US.
SNATCH
I DON'T PLAN ON EVER LETTING GO!
LET GO OF ME!!

BELIEVE, BELIEVE, IS THAT ALL YOU CAN SAY!?
I'VE TOLD YOU I LOVE YOU... WHY WON'T YOU BELIEVE ME!?
I understand, Touya.
WELL THEN, WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?
WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO OPEN YOUR EYES TO WHAT'S AROUND YOU ..?
YOU'RE ALWAYS SAYING THAT, BUT IT'S NOT PRACTICAL AT ALL.
With acting as an excuse, I can... my feelings..!!
WELL THEN
CAN YOU ... KISS ME?

My feelings.
Notice them...
THIS CLOSE TO SCHOOL
YOU DON'T KNOW IF YOUR FRIENDS WILL SEE YOU OR NOT
Please.. Respond to me.
IF YOU REALLY LIKE ME,
SHOW ME PROOF!
IF... YOU'RE SERIOUS ...
DO IT TO ME HERE.
Touya...!
KISS ME...!!

GRAB
Touya...!!

GO AHEAD...
...IT'S OKAY, RIGHT?

...Idiot.
GET MY FEEL-INGS OUT...
I'M GLAD I WAS ABLE TO...
What did you expect?
I.....
Touya and I...
GOOD LUCK WITH THE FILMING...
We...
couldn't kiss at all.
so it was just acting.
WELL, I'M HEADING HOME NOW, SO...
don't know what to do with this sort of thing.
DON'T WORRY...
IT'LL DEFI-NITELY... BE A GOOD SCENE...

SLAM
RIKU...
can't become a man and a woman!
TAP TAP TAP
We couldn't do it.
This sort of thing...
SLIDE
Idiot, to try and become a "woman"
is only going to be painful.
It's only in dreams
that two people can do things like that.

I'll never be a "woman"
in front of Touya again.
I...
SLIDE
GRAB
SLIDE

It's no good
Touya...
SLIDE
If we touch now,
Touya..
we won't be able to return to the people we were before.
Touya...!!

Slide...
Touya...
I...
LIKED YOU...

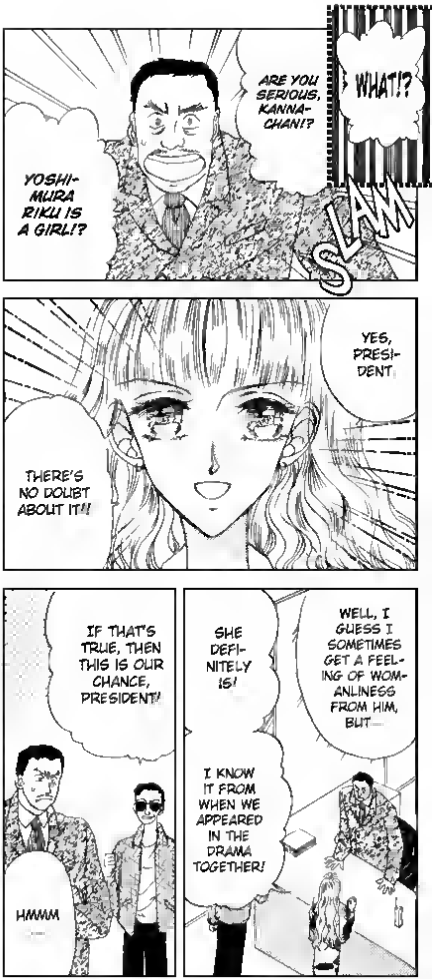
b-dump
b-dump
b-dump
FROM THE FIRST TIME
I SAW YOU...
BUT,
YOU WERE THE SINGLE MOST USELESS MEMBER.
YOUR DANCING WAS HORRIBLE EVEN WHEN YOU TRIED YOUR BEST...
BECAUSE I WAS HONEST ABOUT IT, YOU ACTED SO INNOCENT AND HAPPY...
Really.. Touya..
I can't believe it
Aah..
YOU...
..What are we going to do?

Sigh
From now on...
we can't return to what we were like before...
RIKU...
FROM NOW ON,
YOU STILL HAVE TO BE A COOL "GUY."
BUT..
Touya...
IN FRONT OF ME ONLY,
RETURN TO BEING A WOMAN..

I love
you...

Freetalk (2)

Anyways, why is Kanna so mean? I think it's probably because she's been pampered as being "cute" from the moment she debuted, and suddenly became popular, that others around her treated her harshly, causing her roughness in character. However, some people say that Riku and Touya became friends because Kanna was mean !? It proves that when you are mean to someone, it always comes back to you (laugh). Oh, sure it! I had time, I also wanted to write more about the other members of Z. (For some reason, I really liked those 3) The next time I write a story with a lot of boys in it, I want to be able to write more about each one of them. Let's just say that the members of Z are covered in a veil of mystery (laugh). It was quite unexpected that Sayaka-san, of all characters, was so popular among the readers. (Perhaps even the "CEO" also had fans ??) Which of the characters did you like best?


YOSHIMURA RIKU IS A GIRL!?
ARE YOU SERIOUS, KANNA-CHAN!?
WHAT!?
SLAM
YES, PRESIDENT
THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT!!
IF THAT'S TRUE, THEN THIS IS OUR CHANCE, PRESIDENT!
HMMM
SHE DEFINITELY IS!
I KNOW IT FROM WHEN WE APPEARED IN THE DRAMA TOGETHER!
WELL, I GUESS I SOMETIMES GET A FEELING OF WOMANLINESS FROM HIM, BUT—

PRESIDENT!
THERE'S ONE AMUSING METHOD
IT WOULD BE INTERESTING IF WE HAD PROOF...
THAT WOULD CERTAINLY BE A DEADLY BLOW TO THEIR PRODUCTION
WHY DON'T WE TRY IT NEXT TIME Z HAS THEIR TOKYO DOME CONCERT!?
THEN WE'LL REVEAL RIKU'S TRUE FORM!!
OF COURSE!
AND DON'T YOU THINK IT'D BE EVEN SWEETER WHEN TOUYA'S RIGHT UP THERE WITH HER?
LEAVE IT TO ME
SERIOUSLY!?
WELL?
WHAT DO WE DO—?

WOOW ...
TOKYO DOME
THERE'S SO MANY PEOPLE OUT THERE
MURMUR MURMUR
kyaa! kyaa!
THE TOKYO DOME CAN HOLD FIFTY THOUSAND PEOPLE
I WONDER IF THE CONCERT WILL GO OFF OKAY ~~
I'm getting nervous
Mooooron!
WHAT ARE YOU GETTING NERVOUS FOR!?
THAT'S RIGHT! JUST DO WHAT YOU USUALLY DO AND YOU'LL BE FINE!

I'm sorry
Sayaka...
AH.
Y... YEAH!
RIKU!
BE AS MANLY AS POSSIBLE, RIGHT!
I can't become a perfect "Man," but...
for work
I'll try my absolute hardest ...
STOMP STOMP
STOMP
that makes everyone happy..
But because I like this job..
SLAM
I didn't know what would happen before this

RIKU! TOUYA!!
KANNA-CHAN!
ARE YOU ALREADY ON STANDBY!?
I WAS JUST BRING-ING THESE FLOWERS TO THE DRESS-ING ROOM...
SORRY, BUT CAN YOU JUST DROP THEM OFF THERE?
Thanks ♥
OKAY, I'LL DO THAT!
Good luck!
It's strange ...

after they filmed the kiss scene with those two..
I've sort of started to like her more.
It must be because I'm so happy now.
I'm...
Kyaaa

RIKU
SLAM
Changing room for Z
SWISH
THIS ONE, HUH?
CLICK...
IT'LL BE FINE, MANAGER
DID YOU SWAP IT OUT WITH A GOOD ONE?
AND THE CONCERT? YOU WANT TO STICK AROUND FOR IT?

YES, OF COURSE.
giggle
THE MOMENT RIKU IS EXPOSED AS A GIRL IN FRONT OF 50,000 PEOPLE...
I WANT TO SEE IT TOO!

FLASH
TOKYO DOME
MURMUR
MURMUR
MURMUR

KAKA
It's incredible...

The Tokyo Dome holds such a large audience...!!
50,000 fans came here just to see us.
It's like we're floating above a sea of hands.
Everybody's smiles...
Ahh, I—

...really love this job.
I want to keep singing
from here on out, definitely.
KYAAA
KYAAA
KYAAA
WHEN RIKU HAS TO CHANGE INTO THAT OUTFIT.
THE NEXT SONG, RIGHT KANNA-?
RIGHT.
SOON.
RIKU WILL BE REVEALED SOON.

RIKU, SHE DOESN'T KNOW I SWITCHED OUT HER OUTFIT...
KYAAA
KYAAA
I TAMPERED WITH THE STITCHES IN THE SEAMS.
AS SOON AS SHE STARTS DANCING AROUND IN IT, THE THREAD WILL FALL OUT AND SHE'LL BE COMPLETELY EXPOSED.
EXPOSING HER IN FRONT OF 50,000 PEOPLE IS OKAY, BUT
I FEEL KIND OF SORRY FOR HER, YA KNOW...
KYAA
EH, WHY?
THAT PERSON IS LYING TO SO MANY FANS
YOU SHOULD BE FEELING SORRY FOR THEM INSTEAD.
AND THEN, SINCE SHE'S IN THE SAME GROUP AS HIM,
THAT "WOMAN" IS DRAWING ATTENTION AWAY FROM TOUYA
IT'S SO IRRITATING!
giggle
YOU SURE ARE A COLD WOMAN, HUH...?
AH, LOOK!
THEY'RE GOING TO CHANGE!

LOOK!
THAT COSTUME !!
イヤアアア
...
HUH?
THIS COSTUME
FEELS KIND OF WEIRD.
WHEN I MOVE MY BODY,
IT FEELS LIKE IT'S ...?
RRIP...
EH... !!?

FLAP
FLAP
FLAP

エーエーエー
RIKU
...

KAAA
TURN OUT THE SPOT-LIGHTS, ALL OF THEM!!
DO IT QUICKLY !!
KIAA
QUICKLY
GO TO THE DRESSING ROOM, RIKU!
ANY-THING'S FINE, JUST CHANGE OUTFITS.
HURRY ...
KIAA
KIAA
A... GIRL!?
NO WAY ...
RIKU... IS A GIRL!?
KIAA
BREASTS ...
D... DID YOU SEE!? JUST NOW...

SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER
DAMN IT...
SOMEBODY MUST HAVE SABOTAGED HER OUTFIT
WE DON'T KNOW WHO, BUT SOMEBODY MUST HAVE WHO WOULD DO SUCH A THING!?
THIS IS NO TIME TO BE SAYING THAT, SAYAKA-SAN!
ANYWAY, WE HAVE TO DO SOMETHING BEFORE THE AUDIENCE GETS COMPLETELY OUT OF CONTROL!!
YOU GUYS!
WHAT IN THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE!!?
SLAM
WHO THE HELL WOULD DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT...!?
WHO KNOWS! ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE HAD ACCESS TO THE DRESSING ROOM
PRESIDENT
DAMN IT!!

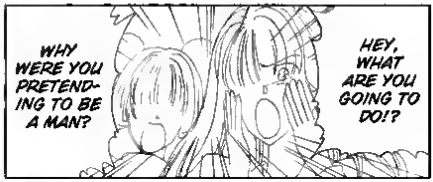
WE... WE'LL GO OUT THERE, SO...
BUT...
IT'LL BE DANGEROUS IF YOU GO OUT THERE NOW, SAYA-KA-SAN.
EVERY-ONE'S STILL REALLY PISSED OFF.
I'LL GO EXPLAIN.
I...
WHY NOT, TOUYA!? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?
THAT'S NO GOOD! YOU GUYS CAN'T GO OUT THERE!
RIKU ...
IT HAS TO BE YOU.

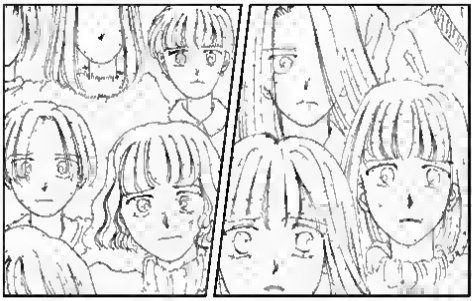
YOU GUYS WON'T BE ABLE TO DO IT!
WHAT ARE YOU...!?
TOU-YA!
UP UNTIL NOW, YOU'VE
GONE OUT AS A "MAN"
AND SUNG TO ALL THE FANS
SO
RIKU...

STOP IT! IT'S DANGEROUS.
MORON... WHAT ARE YOU THINKING!?
...
I...
I'LL GO...!
I'M NOT WORRIED ...
IT'S OKAY...
THEY WON'T QUIET DOWN UNLESS IT'S ME.
WAAAAA
Rikuuuu, what's wrong, come ouuut!
What are you dooing!? Siiing!
WAAAAA
Heey, are you really a girl?
Explain!
THAT'S WHAT I THINK, SO..!!

Freetalk ③

You know even though the world of entertainment seems so glorious, it must be a rather tough one to survive in. TV stars never show that they are tired on TV, but there must be a lot of people who have gone through many hardships, just like Riku and the others. Although, people in that business stand out from the crowd, I think it's actually the result of tedious efforts. Being a mangaka is also about being popular, so I feel that I can understand a little of what they go through. Although, I don't think it's completely the same. Well, what I wanted to write was that even TV stars have problems just like regular people. (Although this time, it was a 5-chapter series, in which I concentrated mostly on the romance ♡ between Riku and Touya.) But if readers have a new or different opinion after having read "Cinderella," I would like them to let me know ☆ I'll be waiting patiently for them. Recently there have been many letters saying, "Please make your series longer!" so I have been thinking about working on a longer series. Please wait patiently for that day to come. (^^)





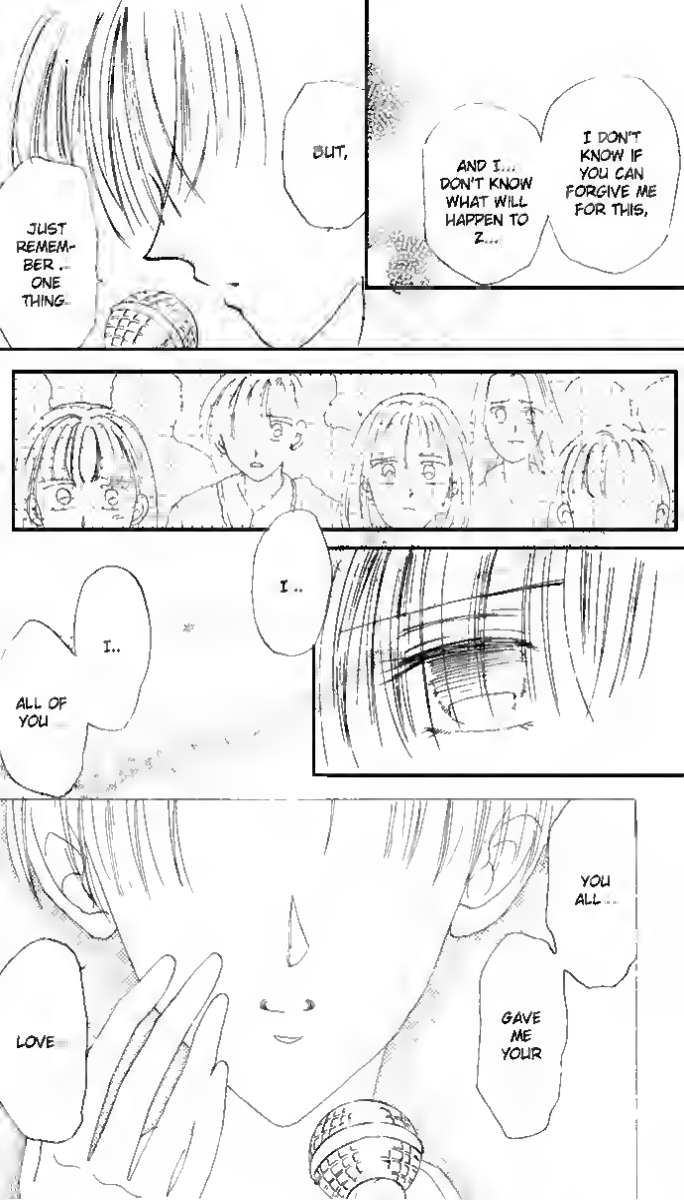
I WAS A BUNDLE OF COM-PLEXES.
REALLY ...

I HAD AN UGLY FACE THAT LOOKED LIKE A MAN'S— I AVOIDED PEOPLE WITH MY LONG HAIR AND GLASSES
I WAS ASHAMED OF MY LOW VOICE, SO I NEVER TALKED TO ANYBODY
I WAS TALL, SO... I ALWAYS SLUMPED MY BACK.
NO CHANCE OF A BOY-FRIEND... AND NO FEMALE FRIENDS EITHER...

I...
THE TRUTH IS...
I WAS JUST AN UNSKILL-ED GIRL ...

I ALWAYS GOT A LOT OF ATTENTION FROM THE GIRLS...
MY UNSIGHTLY SELF HAD CHANGED INTO A HANDSOME MAN.
BUT... THEN A SCOUT FOUND ME IN TOWN,
AND THE WORLD CHANGED.
LIKE HOW I USED TO BE
...AND EVEN THE ONES
IN ORDER TO BRING SMILES TO THE FACES OF GIRLS EVERYWHERE.
SO I BECAME AN IDOL
GIRLS CAME TO LOVE ME...
EVEN THOUGH I WAS BAD AT SINGING AND DANCING...
A LOT OF
THOUGHT I DEFINITELY WANTED TO MAKE THEM HAPPY...
TO THOSE LONELY GIRLS, I
AND THEN...

FOUND LOVE...
I ALSO ...
MY HEART WAS STILL FREE
AND USE MEN'S WORDS
AT WORK EVEN THOUGH I HAD TO BE A HANDSOME GUY
I THOUGHT I WOULD HAVE TO EXPLAIN IT TO ALL OF YOU
I AM A GENUINE GIRL,
SO I CAN'T BECOME YOUR BOYFRIEND OR LOVER...
BECAUSE OF THAT,
I NO LONGER WANTED TO BE A "MAN"


I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN FORGIVE ME FOR THIS,
AND I... DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO Z...
BUT,
JUST REMEMBER... ONE THING...
I..
I..
ALL OF YOU...
YOU ALL...
GAVE ME YOUR
LOVE...

DEFI-
NITELY,
I LOVE
YOU...!!

SWISH...
Touya...

STEP
STEP
STEP
RIKU ...
RIKU ...
RIKU ...
DON'T GO...
RIKUUU UU...

... I'M ..
SCARED

RIKU.....
SLAM

I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT ABOUT IT...
I DON'T KNOW IF THEY'LL ACCEPT ME AS A GIRL OR NOT... THE FANS...
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
I DON'T KNOW
SO IF I'M NOT A "GUY,"
I DON'T HAVE ANY VALUE AT ALL...
THEY WON'T HAVE ANY APPRECIATION FOR ME AS A "GIRL."
THAT'S ENOUGH RIKU.
NER-VOUS
BUT I'M SO
IF I BECOME A "GIRL,"
I WON'T GET TO SEE ANY OF YOU AGAIN...
SO...
I.

I
UNDER-
STAND
..

BUT NO MATTER
HOW THEY REACT TO YOU AS A GIRL,
I'M MOST IMPORTANT ——!!
I'LL BE KIND
AND THINK OF YOU OVER EVERY-BODY ELSE
YOU HAVE MORE VALUE THAN ANY OTHER GIRL TO ME...
SO KEEP SINGING.
FROM NOW ON,
TOUYA -"
BE Z'S WOMAN SINGER!

Encore!
Encore!
THEY WANT AN ENCORE!!
.....!
--core!
Encore!
Encore!
Encore!
Encore!
Encore!
Encore!!
Rikuu !!
YAAAAY
Encore!
Encore!
Encore!
I'VE LOST.
...I GIVE UP!
KANNA
STOMP

TOUYA ...
Encore!
Encore!
Encore!
LET'S GO! RIKU!
LET'S GIVE THEM AN ENCORE!!
THIS TIME AS A COOL GIRL!!
...GIVE IT YOUR BEST, RIKU!
SAYAKA-SAN

I'll continue to sing...
OKAY !!
this 'me' as a girl.
who accepts
even if there's only one fan
from now on...
SLAM

I don't know if things will be any better than before.
My tears maybe won't go away.
But Touya is here.
I won't collapse.
KYAA
I'll keep standing up again.
Even if I fall,

Into tomor-row...!!
I'll keep running...
On this road I see clearly before me...

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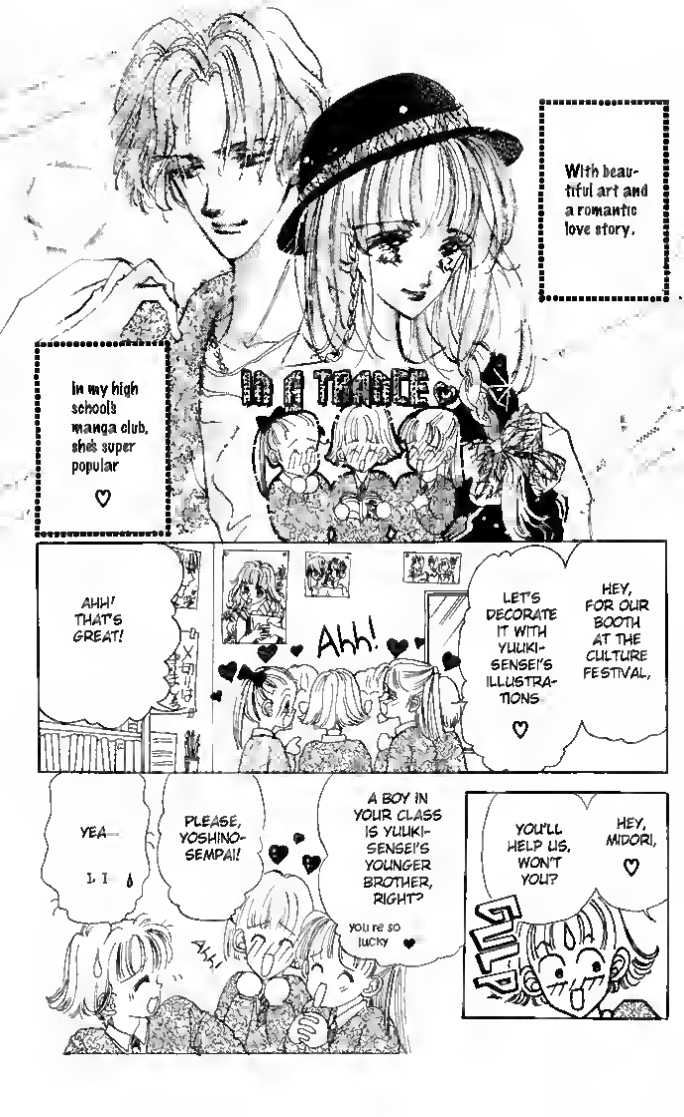
Let's Be Romantic!
By: Yumeno Makoto

LOOK!
OLIVE-COLORED SUMMER
YUUKI HITOMI
YUUKI HITOMI'S LATEST COMIC!
I just bought it.
OLIVE-COLORED SUMMER
YUUKI HITOMI
The comic artist Yuuki Hitomi—
is currently the most popular one among high school girls
Ahhh...
NO WAY!
ME FIRST!
AHH! MIDORI!
Let me see!


With beautiful art and a romantic love story.
In my high school's manga club, she's super popular ♡
IN A TRANCE
HEY, MIDORI, ♡
YOU'LL HELP US, WON'T YOU?
A BOY IN YOUR CLASS IS YUUKI-SENSEI'S YOUNGER BROTHER, RIGHT?
you're so lucky ♥
PLEASE, YOSHINO-SEMPAI!
YEA—
I, I
Ahh!
LET'S DECORATE IT WITH YUUKI-SENSEI'S ILLUSTRATIONS ♡
HEY, FOR OUR BOOTH AT THE CULTURE FESTIVAL,
Ahh!
AHH! THAT'S GREAT!

WHAT'S THIS?
A... A DEAD BODY?

ROAR
THROUGHOUT THE DAY YOU CAN FIND HIM SLEEPING, THOUGH
OCCASIONALLY HE'LL WAKE UP IN A BAD MOOD
HISS

AH—
SITS UP

THIS IS YUUKI HITOMI'S YOUNGER BROTHER YUUKI TAKESHI
ZZ
HE WORKS AS HIS SISTER'S ASSISTANT AND ALWAYS SEEMS EXHAUSTED

GLARE
UM... YUUKI-KUN,
FOR THE FESTIVAL WE WERE HOPING FOR YUUKI-SENSEI'S
IT SEEMS THAT HE DOESN'T LIKE HEARING ABOUT HIS SISTER
WHY IS HE SO VIOLENT !?
STOMP STOMP STOMP
still sleepy
EEK!
YUUKI-KUN..
U-UM ..
What?
But you have to do something.
Please, Misaki?

FLARE
FLARE
FLARE
FLARE
FLARE
FLARE
ABOUT SENSEI'S ILLUSTRATIONS
GOOD MORNING.
UM
HELLO?
AH!
FLARE
FLARE
FLARE
FLARE
FLARE

おしゃべりその④

『ロマンチックしよ』ファンの皆さんお待たせしました！(笑)「なんかかわいくてあたたかい話で読まれる」っていうお手紙多かったです(やっぱ♡かたくさん出ましたか？よかったのかな？笑) 私、今はわりとラブロマンス系の作品が多いですけど、もともとコメディーがやりたくてコメディーばっかしてました。私のデビューした頃の作品(4年も前)、もう知らない人多いと思いますがほんとコメディーどころかとんでもないやつばっかりってカンジだったんです。その頃を知ってる人には「なんで今ラブロマンスなんかかいてるの？」と言われてますが(笑)

でもこの話の後、碧は彼のところからアシスタントするんだろうなぁ…ということは…まわりに売人やアシスタントなんて…どれか楽しくてしょーがない職場でもイイかもって(笑) 仕事進まないですね…これが。今のままもぉ幸せがんばろうということで！！

I was so shocked!
BAD.
IT'S SO ...
IT'S ...
10 second pause
WHAT?
GIVE ME THAT! LET ME HELP.
LEAVE ME ALONE! I NEED TO GET THIS DONE.
IT MUST BE HARD TO BE WITH SUCH A TERRIBLE PERSON.
DON'T LOOK SO RELIEVED.
YEA.
YOU MUST THINK I'M THE WORST.
Y-YEA...
AND IN IDIOT.
..YE..
IT'S STRANGE, ISN'T IT? SEEING ME ACTING SO KINDLY.
Closely watching the miraculous event
QUICK
STARE

I REALLY DON'T HAVE THE TIME TO WORRY ABOUT HOW I LOOK TO OTHERS.
TUG TUG
I CAN'T REALLY DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT. BECAUSE I HAVE TO HELP MY SISTER OUT, I OFTEN DO THINGS LIKE STAYING UP ALL NIGHT.
He looks so into it..
Wow... This is so great
He actually looks cool
Yuuki
Is so serious when he's drawing
YOU BETTER HELP TOO!
ANGRY
PAPAM
AHH!

AS EXPECTED FROM A PROFFESIONAL'S ASSISTANT!
The backgrounds alone are better than my paintings
T... THANKS
YAWN
Ugh Stop looking at my bad drawings
SMACK
THERE!
I'M DONE...
Oh, no What should I do?
This is bad...
I've always thought the worst of him.
But now I...
Thump

Yuuki
Zz
I made you help me
I'm sorry
Thank you.—
DING DONG ♪

YOSHINO?
HA-CLACK
AH...
SORRY FOR INTRUDING
I BROUGHT CAKE AND FLOWERS AS THANKS FOR THE OTHER DAY. ♡
WHY ARE YOU HERE AT MY HOUSE?
ALL YOU HAD TO DO WAS ASK.
I GET IT. YOU WANT AN ILLUSTRATION.
.....
AND I CAN ALSO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SEE YUUKI-SENSEI, SO..
CHEEKY

You're not such a bad guy
THANKS, YUUKI.
YAY! LUCKY!
MY SISTER IS IN THE MIDDLE OF WORK UPSTAIRS,
SO I'LL BRING THESE TO HER.
STOMP STOMP
REALLY !?
GASP
You're really a nice person when it comes down to it
but you helped me with my manga
You're a bit rough around the edges,
I'M HOME
BLACK
AHH! THAT'S GREAT!
It's the real thing
I GOT THIS FOR YOU
So that you can treasure it
FLUTTER
STOMP STOMP
Why in the world am I suddenly thinking about him like that
HEY

Thump
OH MY,
A CUS-TOMER?
SIS...
W-WHAT?
DID HE JUST SAY, "SIS?"
HUH?
I GOT BACK FROM LONDON YESTER-DAY ♡
I had some urgent business
WHEN DID YOU GET BACK HOME?
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
YUUKI-SENSEI!?
THEN WHO DID THIS DRAWING!?

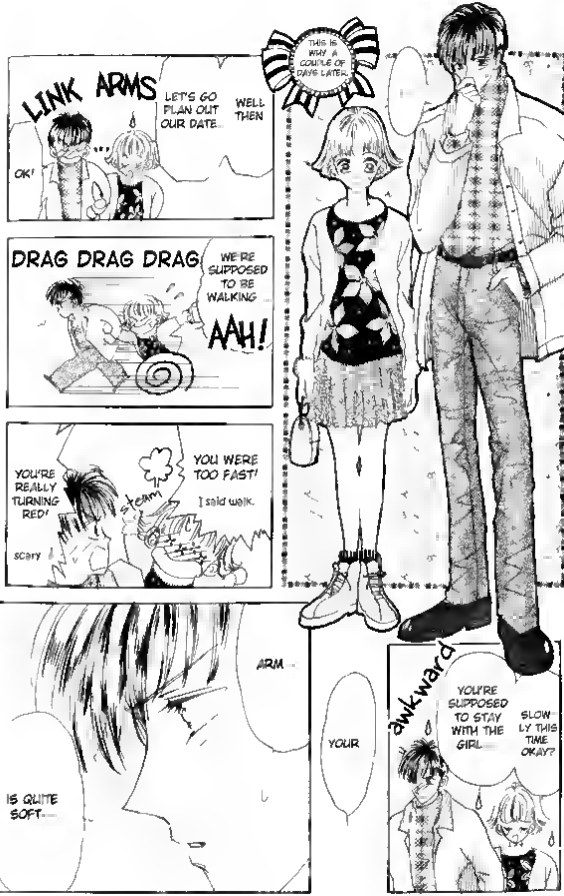
MY OLDER SISTER ISN'T YUUKI HITOMI.
IT'S ME.
A LONG TIME AGO
.....
OUR PARENTS DIED IN AN ACCIDENT.
WE WERE LIVING WITH ONE RELATIVE AFTER ANOTHER.
AND ONE DAY SIS SAID,
"IT'S OK!"

FLUTTER
"ISN'T IT CUTE?"
"HERE, LOOK!"
"AND TAKE CARE OF YOU."
"I WILL BECOME A MANGA ARTIST."
REALLY BAD.
IT WAS ALSO...
So that's why.
Ah...
SINCE I WAS GOOD AT DRAWING, I DECIDED TO TRY TO HELP HER.
BUT IN THE END, I ENDED UP DOING IT ALL.
"That guy is always off by himself."

HOW-EVER,
My heart is suddenly beating so quickly
So I was wrong about him all this time
Yuuki is actually a nice guy
I didn't realize
DESPITE THE FACT THAT I MAKE SHOUJO MANGA,
I NEVER REALLY UNDERSTOOD MUCH ABOUT ROMANCE
SO I ALWAYS HAD SIS TELL ME WHAT TO DRAW.
The boy has to kiss her first! He has to be ideal to girls
That's wrong!
BUT LAST MONTH SHE GOT MARRIED AND WENT ABROAD
IT'S REALLY TOUGH
CAN YOU THINK OF ANYTHING ROMANTIC?
EH...
Y-YEA

WELL...
HOW ABOUT A BOY FALLING ASLEEP ON A GIRL'S SHOULDER...
OR SOMETHING...
AH!
BUT THAT IS JUST AN EXAMPLE!
AHH! WHY DID I JUST SAY THAT!?
I SEE
Pant
U... UM...
I THINK THAT KIND OF THING ...
YOU HAVE TO EXPERIENCE.
AS A GIRL YOU'D KNOW SUCH THINGS
Of course

SO UM....
IF YOU'D LIKE, I CAN HELP YOU OUT....
SO UM....
AT LEAST, FROM WHAT I KNOW.
WHY DON'T THE TWO OF US
GO DO SOMETHING ROMANTIC TOGETHER !?
I...
I CAN'T BELIEVE I JUST SAID THAT!


LINK ARMS
LET'S GO PLAN OUT OUR DATE.
WELL THEN
OK!
DRAG DRAG DRAG
WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE WALKING
AAH!
YOU'RE REALLY TURNING RED!
steam
YOU WERE TOO FAST!
I said walk.
scary
THIS IS WHAT A COUPLE OF DAYS LATER...
awkward
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO STAY WITH THE GIRL...
SLOWLY THIS TIME OKAY?
YOUR
ARM...
IS QUITE SOFT...

THAT'S WHY
PASSES THE GROUND WOULD SWALLOW HIM UP
AAHH—
HAPPY
SPIT
WHEN YOU'RE DRINKING SOMETHING LIKE THIS JUICE,
EVEN SOMETHING AS TRIVIAL AS ASKING A GIRL TO SHARE IT WITH YOU WOULD MAKE HER—
—LLY
dash—
SORRY FOR TAKING SO LONG
W-WHAT!?
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE BLOWN ON THE STRAW LIKE THAT—
That shows you're nervous
NOW MY FACE IS ALL WET

AH!
SORRY.
I KNOW
THAT YOU'RE TIRED
BESIDES,
NO,
IT'S OK

I GUESS THE WAY THAT WE'VE BEEN GOING ABOUT IT IS A BIT UNNATURAL
WE'RE SIMPLY FORCING THINGS TO BECOME ROMANTIC
We were doing it wrong... I've never gone on a date before
but I know the other person isn't supposed to fall asleep.
DEPRESSED SILENCE
YOU'RE
NOT AFRAID OF FAST THINGS ARE YOU?
LIKE ROLLER COASTERS OR SOMETHING
HUH?
NO
WELL THEN,
REALLY EXTREME?
WANNA GO RIDE SOMETHING
HUH?
GLINT

AAHH!
>whoooosh<
>whoooosh<
Eek!
It's
scary
but
It's also a lot of fun!
ゴオオオ

WHOOSH
AHH!
Y-YEAH!
GREAT THERE'S THE NEXT ONE!
EEK!
WE'RE GOING TALL!
IT'S DROPPING!
AHH!
AHH!
THIS IS GREAT
WE RODE THEM ALL
huff
huff
IT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN ROMANTIC,
BUT IT SURE WAS FUN!
YEAH, SURE WAS!

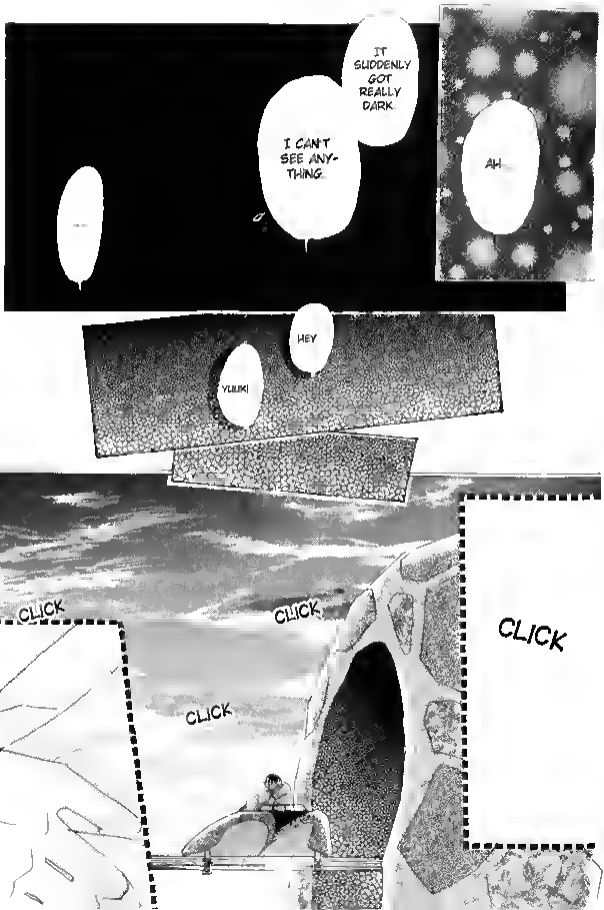
surely
It'd be even more fun.
If this was a real date
But...
AH!
NO, NOT YET
AH!
HAVE WE RIDDEN THAT ONE YET?
CLICK
WE SHOULD END THE DATE AFTER THIS
CLICK
THIS RIDE DOESN'T REALLY PLUNGE DOWN, DOES IT?
It's so slow.
THE PARK IS CLOSING SOON
CLICK CLICK
Why does it feel so lonely?
The end...

HUH?
YOU'VE GIVEN ME A LOT TO THINK ABOUT.
TO BE HONEST,
CLICK
I CAN FALL ASLEEP SO EASILY
WHEN I'M WITH YOU
I KEPT WONDERING WHY IT IS THAT,
I REALIZED IT WAS BECAUSE
I ACTUALLY FEEL LIKE MYSELF
WHEN I'M WITH YOU

AHH!
splash
I GUESS SO BUT...
Yuuki...
I TOLD YOU THAT YOU'RE BAD AT DRAWING,
YET LIKE MY SISTER YOU JUST ACCEPTED IT INSTEAD OF GIVING ME A HARD TIME
completely soaked
click
click
rustle
click
HOW MEAN!
HOW COME I'M THE ONLY ONE
click

I DON'T HAVE A HANDKERCHIEF
UM...
SO
Yuuki...
BA-BUMP
AH...
THIS IS FINE... THANKS.
rub
CLICK
CLICK CLICK
BA-BUMP
BA-BUMP
CLICK
A TUNNEL
CLICK
AH...

WOW...
A STARRY SKY...
IT LOOKS JUST LIKE THE TWO OF US ARE REALLY UNDER THE NIGHT SKY
YEAH LOOKS LIKE IT
THIS IS GREAT IT LOOKS LIKE THE REAL THING


IT SUDDENLY GOT REALLY DARK
I CAN'T SEE ANY-THING
AH
HEY
YUUKI
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK

CLICK
CLICK

That
was definitely something
that I would call romantic.
IT'S YUUKI HITOMI'S NEW SHORT STORY!
DID YOU SEE IT?
HEY!
dash

ISN'T IT GOOD?
I WANNA GO TO AN AMUSEMENT PARK, TOO!
HERE!
HEY, MIDORI, HAVE YOU READ THIS ALREADY?
AH,
NOT YET
Frankly
It's a bit weird seeing our date on the page like that ♡
MIDORI
LIM CAN YOU HELP ME AGAIN?
I'M HAVING PROBLEMS WITH THE DATE SCENE
YEAH!
It's ok with me.

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